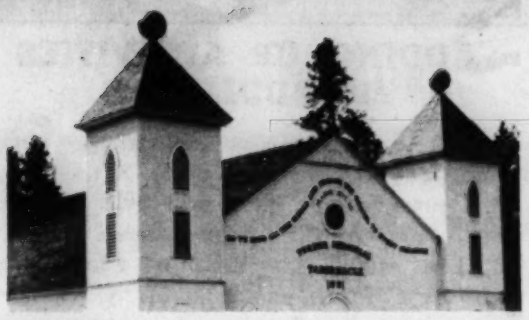

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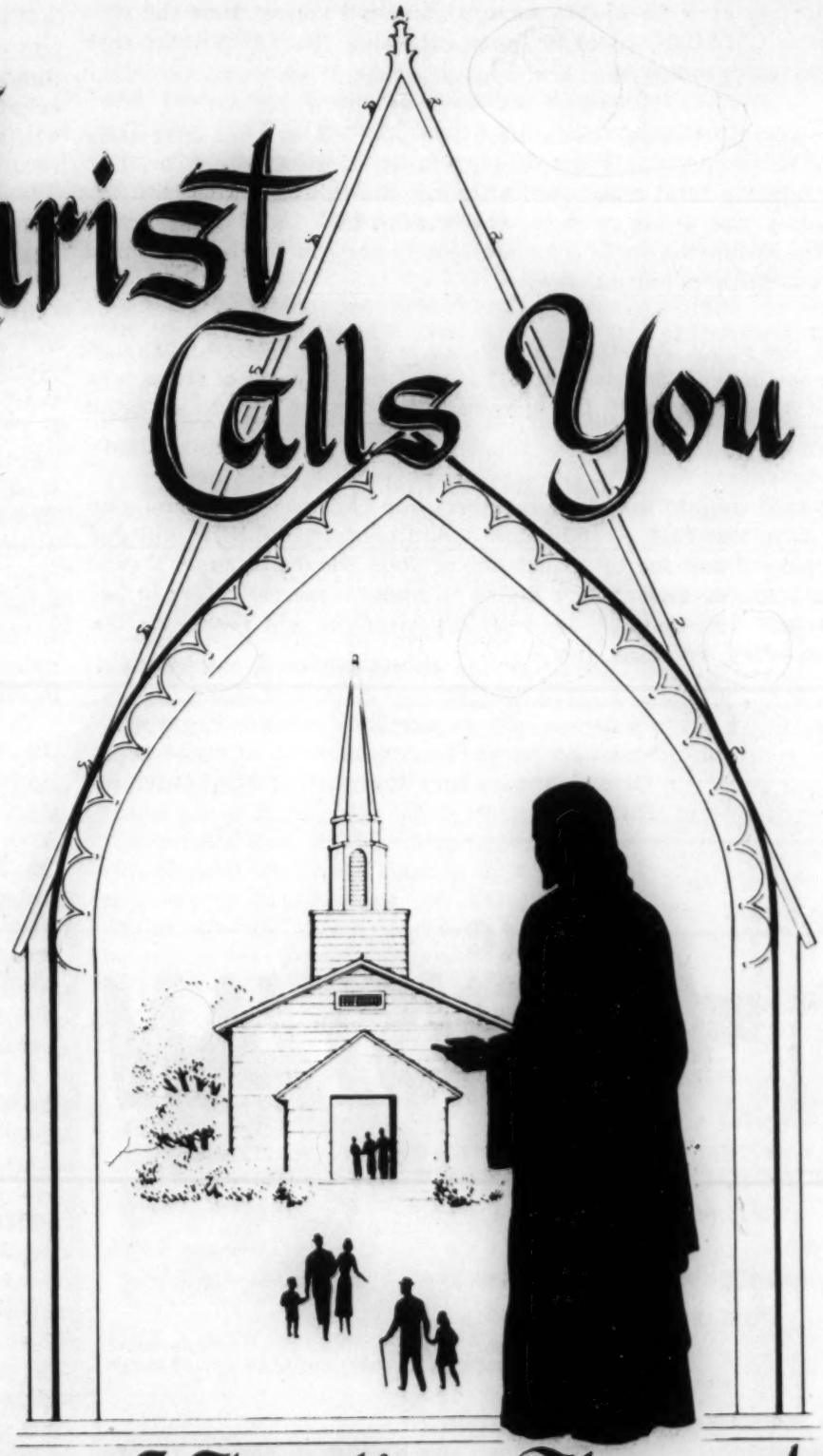

Our Year of Christian Stewardship

1954-55

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With more than 160 Christian Churches within the borders of our State of Oregon comprising a total membership of some 35,000 persons, it would appear that the subscription list to The Oregon Christian would be quite extensive. Such is not the case as our list of only 2200 subscribers indicates.

It has been the hope of your Publishing Committee and your editor that ultimately every church home should be receiving this official publication of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention. Using the total membership figures shown above and arbitrarily setting the average family size at six persons, would mean that there are approximaely 5,800 church families within the state. You can readily see that we have reached less than one half of our readership potential.

And this is but part of the story. As stated above, we now have around 2200 subscribers. But at one time we have 2700 subscribers!! Undoubtedly, many of those who subscribed at the time of the "new look" for a 3-year period, failed to do so again when their subscription expired.

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ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This activity report covers the period from May 22 through June 22. On May 23, I preached at Kent and held a conference with church leaders there. On May 26, I attended the Year of Stewardship Briefing Conference which Mr. C. O. Hawley conducted in Eugene. Attended a meeting of the Christian Student Foundation in Eugene on May 27 and the Conference on Christian Unity in Salem on May 28. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lantz, Mrs. Addleman and myself left for a trip into Eastern Oregon on May 29. I preached at Wallowa on Sunday morning and Enterprise on Sunday evening. Spent May 31 at the Cove grounds. Visited in Pendleton and Lexington on our return to Portland on June 1.

On June 2 I attended a meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches Research and Planning Committee and visited the monthly business meeting of the Cedar Hills Christian Church. I preached two sermons in La Grande on June 6 and shared in the laying of the corner stone in the new sanctuary unit now under construction. On June 8 I attended the Nominating Committee meeting in Eugene and attended the Northwest Christian College Alumni Banquet and Commencement. On June 10 I attended a meeting of the Oregon Council Convocation Program Committee. On June 13, I preached at Bend on Sunday morning and shared in the ordination service of Raymond Lambert at the Kern Park Church in Portland on Sunday evening.

On June 15, I was the guest speaker at the Father and Son Banquet at the First Baptist (White Temple) Church in Portland. Brought the message at the Portland Area Christian Church ministers meeting. On June 19 I held a conference with the Culver Church. On the 20th I preached at Redmond on Sunday morning, shared in the new church dedication service at Powell Butte in the afternoon and preached at the Mallory Avenue Church in Portland Sunday evening.

I was able to spend 17 days in the office during this period and held 13 office conferences.

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THE SILVER LINING

When the shadows cloud life's sky,
And it seems no use to try;
When you catch no gleam of brightness
in your lot!
Count your blessings o'er and o'er,
And when adding up the score,
Just be thankful for the things you
haven't got.

JULY 27
NEWS AND PICTURE
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CHRIST CALLS YOU

Our Year of Christian Stewardship

JULY 1, 1954—JUNE 30, 1955

Our Year of Christian Stewardship is now beginning as the local church emphasis in the Long Range Program of Disciples of Christ. Throughout the Brotherhood there is a sense of the urgent need of stewardship and a spirit of willingness to do everything possible to achieve the aims of the Year of Stewardship.

THOROUGH PREPARATION

Months of very thorough preparation have been made for the program for the year. The Director of Stewardship of Unified Promotion (Roy L. Thorpe,) with the help of other staff members and other writers secured, has sent to all churches the packet of very fine plans and materials for a thorough and comprehensive stewardship program for local churches for this year. Some books and booklets were furnished and others recommended for use by the churches. These materials have been commended everywhere in the Brotherhood and among other communions as some of the best ever furnished in the field of stewardship. Other national departments have included the stewardship emphasis in their plans and program for the year that there may be a united and effective concern for stewardship throughout the Brotherhood.

STATE PREPARATION

Oregon has joined in thorough preparation for an effective Year of Stewardship, realizing what it will mean to all our churches and the work within the state. The state stewardship committee, Orville F. Mick, Chairman, and the state staff members planned for the fullest participation by all the churches in the state. Our State Briefing Conference was held in Eugene May 26th under the leadership of C. O. Hawley, representing Unified Promotion. A total of 31 participated in this conference to learn everything possible about the plans and materials. These were representative ministers, laymen and women from each district in the state. They were requested as volunteer visitors to contact every church in their area and secure their consent for participation and full preparation for the Year of Stewardship. We have divided our state into 12 areas and have that many captains along with other helpers working at this. We are receiving a good response so far, and are looking forward to a fine participation when all reports are compiled.

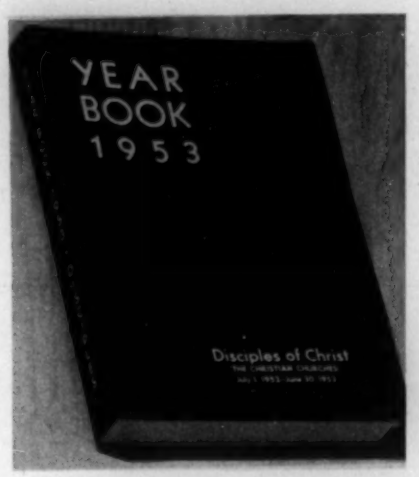
LOCAL CHURCH PLANNING

It is recognized that stewardship achievement rests with the local church. National and state offices offer suggested programs and plans, but the final choice and planning is within the local church. Therefore it is important that the minister and stewardship committee in each church plan between June and September for the year's program in all its phases. This includes major stewardship concern in the church as vital to the life of every member; an aggressive program of stewardship education and motivation using all effective means available, and a challenge to every member to commit himself to the stewardship of life — time, talent, and possessions, enrolling as many tithers as possible.

Since stewardship is a year-round program, it is important that thorough plans be made early that the church may achieve the most. It is agreed that any church which leads its members into full stewardship will richly bless them spiritually and will make the church effective for advancing the kingdom.

LAUNCHING THE PROGRAM

The period between September 12 and 24, 1954, has been designated as the time for a special service for launching the program of the Year of Stewardship. Plans having been made by the minister and leaders are then presented to the whole congregation for their participation in a great Year of Stewardship achievement. This may be a Sunday service, or on a week night, but it should be of such significance as to inspire the whole church as to the possibilities of the year ahead. Each church will also know that it is a part of the whole Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ who are joining earnestly and prayerfully in the study and practice of stewardship.



IMPORTANT NOTICE 1954 YEAR BOOK

We have received the following announcement from Robert L. Lewis, Assistant Secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ and Editor of YEAR BOOK: "In consultation with the State Secretaries, the Year Book Publication Committee and responsible personnel, it was agreed that all statistical report blanks for the 1954 Year Book MUST be submitted to the State Office no later than August 15."

Report blanks were mailed from our Oregon State Office in June urging each church to fill out its report right after June 30 when our missionary year ends. If the report from your church is not in our Portland office by August 15, our understanding is that it will not appear in the 1954 Year Book. We are asking the cooperation of all our ministers and leaders, so that our Oregon work may be accurately listed in the Year Book.

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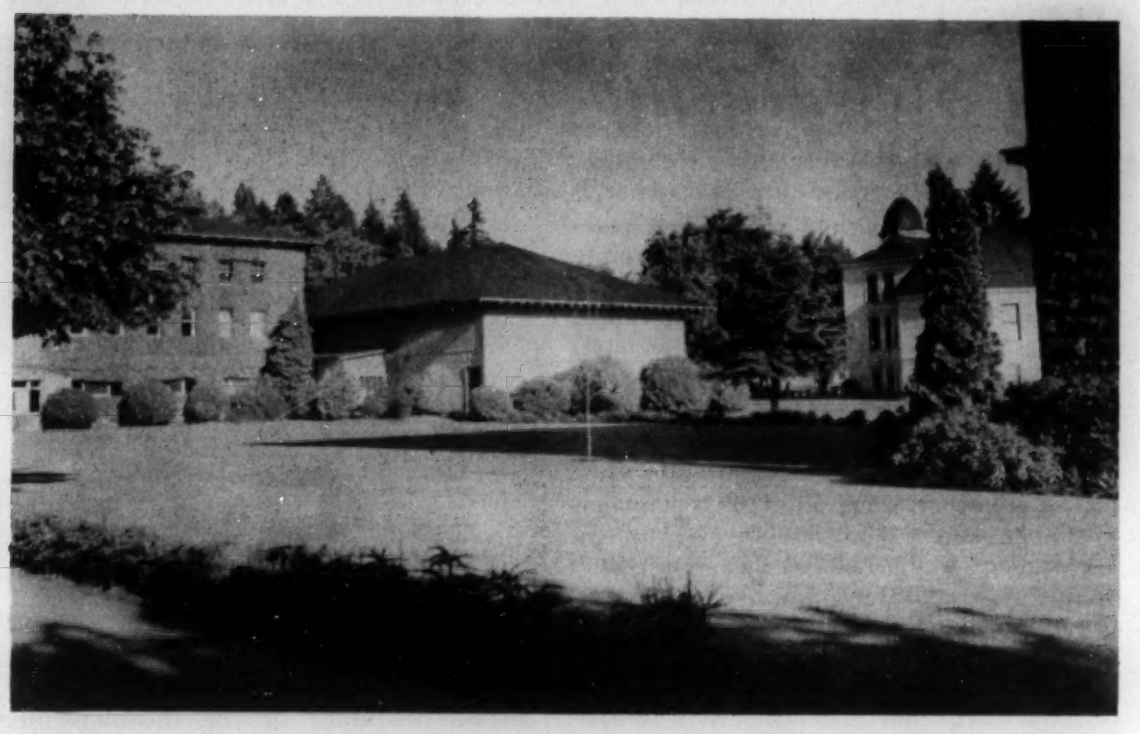

A view of Northwest Christian College, showing, left to right, the Music Building, Gymnasium, Rehm Hall, and a corner of the Administration Building.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Plans for the new Library Building are complete. All that is needed is about $150.-000 to pay the cost of construction.

The Library Building will stand on the approximate location of the present gymnasium but will occupy much more area. The reading room alone is larger than the gymnasium area. The stack room portion of the library will extend in to the area now occupied by Rehm Hall. Hence, it will be necessary to remove the gymnasium and raze Rehm Hall in order to build.

At the June meeting of the board of trustees, authorization was given the Administration to proceed with the work indicated as soon as sufficient funds are on hands to assure completion without incurring debt.

GRADUATING CLASS

The 1954 graduating class was the largest in N.C.C. history. There were 38 men and 12 women in the class. Also, one honorary degree was granted.

According to information now available, members of the graduating class who will be serving with churches in Oregon during the coming year are: James Edwards, Associate Minister, Eugene First Christian Church; Kenneth Johnston, Minister, Kern Park, Portland; Martin Torrence, Minister, Crabtree Christian Church; Donald W. Kelley, Minister, Halsey Christian Church; James Piper, Minister, Mosier Christian Church; Joseph E. Wagnon, Minister, Coburg. Some others of the class will be ministering to Oregon congregations but confirmation of calls had not been made at the time of this writing.

LaDonna Mariam (Mrs. Jim) Smith will be in Eugene as her husband continues his education. Several other members of the class will be in Oregon and will help in the work of the churches.

Many of the graduates will continue their education in the theological seminaries.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

On campus much work is being done to prepare for the opening of school. Some improvements are being made in classrooms and the various residence halls are being put into the best shape possible.

Various faculty members are visiting congregations in Washington and Montana in the interest of the Library Fund. Professors Bixler, Richardson, Rice, Shoemaker, Kistler, Siefke are giving considerable time to this work.

Dr. Wright is on a trip to Palestine and other areas of the near East with a small party. Audrey Putnam of Medford; Philip Calef, Mallory Ave., Portland; Lillian Ladd, Central, Portland accompanied Dr. Wright.

President Griffeth attended the meeting of the Council of Agencies meeting at Williams Woods College, Fulton, Mo. and the First Quadrennial Meeting of Church Related Colleges at Dennison University, Granville, Ohio. He also participated in the Cane Ridge celebration on June 28.

Mrs. Griffeth and Paul Rickard and family attended the North American Christian Convention at Long Beach, Calif. Dr. and Mrs. Griffeth will also be at the Disciples meeting in Chicago in advance of the World Council of Churches' meeting.

E. M. Eldridge and the Male Quartet are busy visiting congregations and conventions throughout the Northwest. The Quartet also sang at the North American Christian Convention.

Mrs. Rex Dallas is spending the summer with her daughter Lolita, in Philadelphia. She will also spend some time in school. Miss Hansen will spend most of the summer in Pocatello. Prof. Myrick and family are visiting Mrs. Myrick's parents at Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. Maughan and Miss Hazel Oliver are spending some time in California. Mrs. Woodyard will spend part of her summer in Eugene and part in California.

As usual, the office staff will spend most of the summer in Eugene although there will be vacations.

CATALOGUES

The 1954-55 catalogues are now available. If you need a copy and do not receive one soon, make your wishes known by writing to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

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Nobody is satisfied with his walk in life if he has to shovel it himself.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 1954 CALENDAR

AUGUST 20-21 Children's Workers Retreat, Nelscott
30 State Board Planning Retreat (through September 1)
SEPTEMBER 3-6 Family Camp at Twin Rocks
13 N.C.C. Fall Term begins
OCTOBER Church Visitation will likely be held the first two weeks
Church Life Institute in Portland about the middle of the month
22-24 State 90 & 9 Convention at Bend
26-31 International Convention at Miami
NOVEMBER School for Leaders of Youth Eugene, exact time to be set later
26-27 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets
DECEMBER 3-4 Christian Youth Fellowship Meets

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ALL KIND OF FOLK

It seems we find all kinds of folk
When we attend the church,
Without them though, the preacher
Would be left up on a perch
Although they may have many doubts
And may complain a lot,
When they find out the way to walk
They hold to what they got;
Although they always seem to gripe
And grope around the place,
They're sure to find all doubts worthwhile
When they see Jesus' face.

—Jack Naff

H. Lawrence Porter

CORVALLIS CALLS NEW MINISTER TO STUDENTS

H. Lawrence Porter, minister of the Valley Christian Church at Hood River for the past nine years, has accepted a call to become minister to students at Oregon State College on behalf of the Christian Churches of the state. In addition to his work of counselling with students and directing the program at Christian House, Mr. Porter will serve as associate minister of the Corvallis Church. He will succeed Everett Cecil, who resigned to enroll in Drake University for graduate work.

While in Hood River Valley, Mr. Porter has been very active in community activities. He has served for several years as County P.T.A. president, County Ministerial Association president, District Adviser for Christian Endeavor, Scoutmaster, week -day Bible teacher in the public schoools, summer conference faculty member, and a member of the State Board. Under his leadership the church has more than doubled in active membership. For the past three years the church has won cash awards given by the Sears Foundation for church improvement at the Oregon Town and Country Church Conference at O.S.C.

Mrs. Porter has been active in the leadership of the church along with her husband. Both of them plan to attend the training session for student workers at Butler University in August, after which they will attend the national Disciples Student Fellowship Conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Before attending Northwest Christian College and entering the ministry, Mr. Porter was in the banking business for 15 years, serving both as president and manager of banks in Los Angeles. In addition to his degree from N.C.C., he has also graduated from Western Military Academy, Rubicon Business School, and the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter and their daughter, Dorothy, will move to Corvallis in August before leaving for Butler. They will return early in September to be on the job before school opens.

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NILSSONS CALLED TO MALLORY IN PORTLAND

Marion W. Nilsson, for the past 11 years minister of the First Christian Church at Roswell, New Mexico, has been called to the pulpit of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland. He succeeds Hubert E. Sias who recently was called to our church at Beatrice, Nebraska. The Nilssons will begin the work at Mallory August 1.

Marion W. Nilsson was born and reared on a farm in southern Iowa. He attended Drake University from which he graduated with an A.B. degree. In his senior year he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity. He also was awarded the Lydia Roberts scholarship for a year's study at Columbia University where he received the M.A. degree in history. He graduated from Yale Divinity School in the class of '31, cum laude, where we was awarded the Hooker-Dwight fellowship for further graduate study. The choice of the University of London was made and the faculty made a sufficient additional grant to enable Mrs. Nilsson to accompany him.

Following the year's study and travel abroad, the Nilssons began their ministry at Woodson Chapel Christian Church in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he ministered for four years. From there he went to First Christian Church, Brookfield, Mo., for a ministry of seven years. For the past eleven years he has been a pastor of First Christian Church at Roswell, New Mexico. During this time some 900 members have been received into the church, the missionary giving has more than tripled, the local budget increased four times and a building fund of more than $118,000.00 built up in preparation for a new church plant. The youth program, educational and leadership training, missionary education and stewardship have all been greatly emphasized and strengthened, as has also been true of the men's program and women's work.

Mr. Nilsson has also found time to serve in various capacities in state and national work, in addition to many responsibilities in the religious and civic life of the community. He has served as president of the state board of the New Mexico Christian Missionary Society, as chairman of the Joint Administrative Committee for the Arizona-New Mexico area relationship, as president of the state convention two different years and for the past four years he has served as state chairman of the Religious Education Commission. For a number of years he was on the national staff as a dean for young people's summer conferences and for the last five years has directed the Sandia Chi Rho Camp in New Mexico. He has also represented his state for four conventions on the Resolutions and Recommendations Committee of the International Convention.

Marion W. Nilsson

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

The codfish lays ten thousand eggs,
The homely hen lays one.
But the codfish never cackles
To tell you what she's done.
And so we scorn the codfish,
While the humble hen we prize,
Which simply goes to show you,
That it pays to advertise.

There once was a fisher named Fischer,
Who was fishing for fish in a fissure,
But the fish with a grin,
Pulled the fisherman in,
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fischer.

The question in the physiology examination read: "How may one obtain good posture?"

The country boy puzzled a moment, then wrote: "Keep the cows off it and let it grow a while."

Often the reason a person becomes quiet as he grows older is that he has more to keep quiet about.

The clearest demonstration of how fast this country is losing its topsoil is giving a small boy a bath.

International Convention to Launch Public

Editor's note: The International Convention office in Indianapolis has prepared an excellent brochure concerning the proposed Public Relations Program of the Convention. The prepared statement is quite revealing and states well the need for such a plan and, likewise, explains the program clearly. Because our people here in Oregon want to be informed on the subject and because we will want to have a share in the program, the content of the brochure will be quoted here in part.

The Failure of Communication

The Disciples of Christ number nearly 2,000,000, in 7,945 churches across the land.

They carry on a large program of Christian witness — through missions, benevolence, education, welfare, relief, and the like — which grows with each passing year, to touch the lives of more people.

They have given, with a fine sense of stewardship, many millions of dollars to support their church, and to the work that includes seminaries and colleges.

They have contributed many leaders to the service of the community, and to the nation.

And yet, people ask "Why are they?"

And this is not all. Many Disciples are confused, if not ignorant, about their own Brotherhood. "Church members," said a resolution adopted by the International Convention last year, "are confused in matters pertaining to the development of Brotherhood agencies . . . False ideas have cropped up among our brethren . . . The community at large does not understand the confusion of names . . . "

This can mean only one thing: the failure of communication.

The general public has learned little, because too little effort has been made to disseminate information.

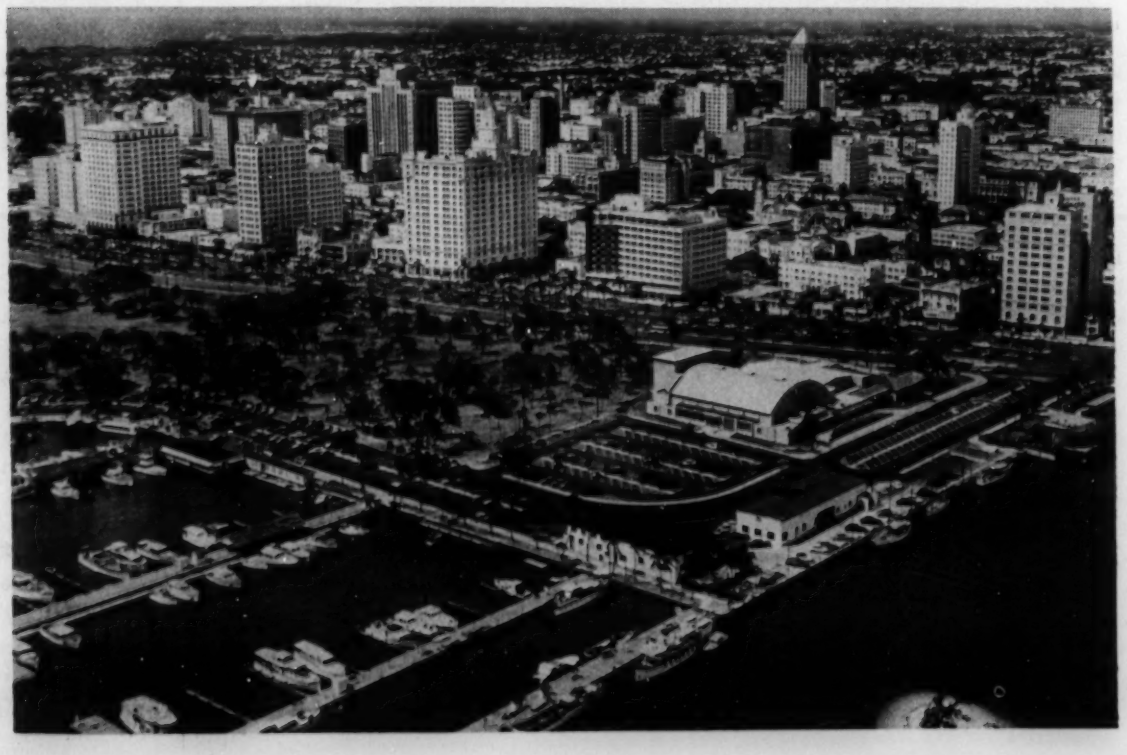
With some success, information has been communicated to church members through World Call, The Christian-Evangelist, state and national papers, and church bulletins - but America's unmatched system of mass communication has not been used by the Disciples, as it has by many other Protestant groups, to inform the general public.

Increasing interest in religion has made the press, broadcasting, and magazines more and more receptive to the story of religion; Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, and other Protestant groups have taken advantage of this.

Once a year, when the International Convention holds its assembly, the Disciples may make the front pages of America's press — but the rest of the year, stories about the Brotherhood are mostly limited to those sent the local papers by a church pastor. The International Convention and the agencies send stories to a limited number of local newspapers and to the state papers, but no one attempts to disseminate information nationally to the press. No concerted effort is made to arrange radio or television programs, or to place a story in a national magazine.

This reliance upon church channels may have been adequate in grandfather's day, when life was simpler, but not today — when three out of five church members are absent on an average Sunday, and religion must compete with many distractions of a materialistic age.

Below is shown an aerial view of Miami, Florida, sight of this year's International Convention of Disciples of Christ to be held in that city, October 26-31. The Convention auditorium is shown in the right foreground. Oregon should be well represented at Miami.



To meet this twentieth-century need for more adequate communication — to both Disciples and to the general public — the International Convention, in Chicago, authorized the establishment of a Public Relations Department. It called for:

1. Establishment of strong press relations, to assure widespread dissemination of information to the general public.
2. Publication and distribution, to Disciples, of literature and audio-visual material depicting the Brotherhood's widespread activity, carried on through many agencies.

The Board of Directors of the International Convention then authorized its publicity and public relations committee to carry out the mandate of the Chicago assembly.

This committee of 29, headed by Doyle Zaring of Indianapolis, held several sessions to explore the problem, made a survey of what the Disciples and other Christian groups were doing to interpret their work to the public, and considered staff and budget — (Myron Cole, minister Portland Church, is a member of the committee).

The publicity and public relations committee proposed a Public Relations Department in the International Convention be established, as soon as staff could be recruited and financial resources assured for at least the first three years of operation. The department can be activated as soon as funds have been raised to assure the amount needed to get the program under way on a sound basis. The Chicago assembly urged that "Brotherhood-minded individuals be encouraged" to support this project. The budget will require $90,000.00 over a three-year period.

The Public Relations Plan

1. PURPOSE

The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ shall carry on a public relations program to assure better understanding — by the general public and by our church members — of the Brotherhood's contribution to the nation's religious and civic life.

Properly used, the public relations program would become an educational arm for the Disciples of Christ, a morale-sustaining factor within the organization, a channel through which public announcements can be made, and a central qualified source for persons seeking infromation concerning the Disciples.

II. ORGANIZATION

(a) For this purpose, a Department of

Relations Program

Public Relations shall be established by the International Convention.

(b) The Department shall be responsible to the board of directors and to the general assembly of the International Convention.

(c) The Department shall have the assistance of an advisory committee, including representatives of agencies and laymen with public relations experience, to assure an effective program and the cooperation of local, state and national agencies.

(d) The Department shall be headed by a director who shall be a member of the executive staff of the International Convention.

III. FUNCTION

The Public Relations Department, as determined by the board of directors and/or assembly, shall disseminate news and information about the Brotherhood through all available channels of communications, and in every possible way assist Brotherhood agencies — local, state and national — to obtain accurate and extensive interpretation of their work by the press, broadcasting and magazine.

IV. STAFF

The Department shall be headed by a director who is committed to Christian service, and by training and experience in public relations and communications is deemed fully competent to interpret the Brotherhood and to administer its public relaions program.

V. BUDGET

The budget of the Public Relations Department shall be an integral part of the budget of the International Convention. Inasmuch as the International Convention — dependent for its financial support upon the churches — has no funds other than those already appropriated for other purposes, the Public Relations Department, at the start, must rely upon voluntary contribuions of individuals and specific gifts from churches. It is hoped that churches will continue their support to this Department of Public Relations by increased giving to the total budget of the International Convention.

They will not ask again . . . Through these efforts they will know

Public Relations, as described here, is not a new church program actually, but a means by which the general public and the people in our churches may learn more about the inspiring program of the Brotherhood.

This effort to communicate the Disciples story will be justified only as it contributes to the vitality and influence of our effort to make the Christian message a beacon to guide people and nations.

It is this hope that was in the mind of the International Convention in Chicago when it decided a Public Relations Department should be established. In this spirit a distinguished group of churchmen conceived implementing plans that have received the approval of the Board of Directors of the International Convention and many other leaders across the Brotherhood.

With the help of representatives of the conventions, agencies, and churches we believe a feasible plan has been proposed to keep the American people, as well as our own church people, better informed via the press and other avenues of communication. We are confident that if others believe as we do — that this plan fills a long felt need of the Disciples — they will pledge sufficient support to sustain it during the next three years.

We look forward to the time when fewer and fewer people will ask "The Disciples— who are they?"

They will not ask. Through these efforts they will know.

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Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great.

Dead churches never have to worry about money. They have no need of it.

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Russell C. Putnam of Cleveland, Ohio, the first International president of Christian Women's Fellowship, participated in the recent Oregon Christian Missionary Convention at Turner. A report of the women's part in the convention will be included in the August issue.

—By Edna Burke

Miss Adele Bower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bower of Burns, Oregon, arrived in the United States early in June after spending five years in Japan as a missionary under the United Society. Adele has been working as a trained nurse for the past two years in a hospital located in Yokosuda, Japan. Her work has been varied since she not only serves as a nurse in the mission hospital but takes her part in the work in the nearby church. This is Adele's first furlough since she went to Japan following the Cincinnati convention where she was commissioned along with many other missionaries. The majority of them have been serving in their respective fields for several years. While in America, Adele will be taking part in conferences, Schools of Missions as well as to acquire further training for her work in Japan.

Miss Velva Dreese, assistant to Miss Trout in the Department of Christian Women's Fellowship of the United Society is spending several months in Japan and the Phillipines visiting women's groups and giving much needed help and guidance to them. Some excerpts from one of her letters will be of interest here:

"The time spent in Japan was packed with many fine, meaningful experiences. I came away with a deep appreciation of the Christian people, of the Christian leaders— both Japanese and missionary. Our churches are not large, but are attractive and well kept, always with flower arrangements; the services were well planned and worshipful. There are not many choirs but every worshipper, young and old carries his Bible and hymn book and uses them. I was impressed with the fact that no Christian enters into the worship service without first bowing his head in personal prayer and meditation, and that at the close of the service the congregation is seated for a brief silent period. There is power in the church and its influence is far beyond its numbers — one Christian among a hundred people.

"The women were all having a monthly meeting with worship and agenda well worked out in advance. I'm impressed with the work of our missionaries and inspired anew with the fact that perhaps the most important things they do are not their full load of teaching, or of whatever their assignments are, but rather the living of serene, helpful Christian lives in whatever circumstances that come along. The prayers of Japanese Christians were sincere and touching, sometimes prayed with tears. I wish some of us other Christians mourned over our part in war as the Japanese Christians do.

Miss Dreese is now in the Phillipine Islands. We will have news of her activities there later. The women of Japan and the Phillipines are thrilled with Christian Women's Fellowship and the challenge presented to them to take their part in the spread of the Gospel around the world.

UNITY PARTICIPATION PRAISED

"Its deep sense of obligation to the Disciples of Christ for the services they have rendered in making possible the production "of the **History of the Ecumenical Movement, 1517-1948** published this month was recorded in the final meeting of the History Committee at the Ecumenical Institute at Celigny near Geneva.

A project of the World Council of Churches and sponsored by the Council's Ecumenical Institute, the new **History** was edited by Dr. Ruth Rouse and Bishop Stephen Neill, who served as Executive Vice-Chairman. The American edition was published by the Westminster Press. Scholars from all parts of the world contributed to the volume whose preparation covered eight years. Contributions of Disciples of Christ to the Ecumenical Institute made possible the undertaking and completing of this, the only volume in existence presenting a history of ecumenical concerns through the period from 1517 up to the constituting of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Bishop Neill stated that he had requested Dr. George Walker Buckner of Indianapolis, Indiana, to convey to Disciples of Christ on behalf of the Committee "our deep and heartfelt thanks for sustained and unstinting help over the whole period during which the **History** has been produced." Dr. Buckner is the Disciple member of the World Council's Central Committee, a director of the Ecumenical Institute, and a member of the History Committee.

Rev. Robert Tobias, who also was a member of the History Committee and who served in Europe on the staff of the World Council for seven years, was included in Bishop Neill's statement on behalf of the Committee. A letter of thanks to Mr. Tobias and Dr. Buckner was authorized by the Committee "to express our gratitude personally to you as well as, more generally, to the body you represent."

Bishop Neill called atttention to the brief dedication which has been inserted at the beginning of the **History** and which reads as follows:

TO
THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
Whose untiring ecumenical spirit
has once again been manifest
in the generous provision of the funds
which have made possible the writing and
publication of this
HISTORY OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

Bishop Neill was a guest of the Disciples of Christ at their International Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1953. At an evening session of the convention the contributions made by him and Miss Ruth Rouse in editing the **History of the Ecumenical Movement** were recognized by the conferring on them of honorary degrees by Culver-Stockton College. Bishop Neill received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The degree of Doctor of Letters, conferred on Miss Rouse **in absentia,** was later presented to her formally by Dr. Buckner and Dr. G. Edwin Osborn in a service in Church House, Westminster, which was presided over by the Bishop of Chichester, chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

By Dulcina Elliot

Some of the graduating seniors, Eugene Christian House, at recent "Senior Supper," included those shown above. Front row, left to right are: Carol Hypes Thomas, Gladys Osborne, Winona Fishback, Mitzi Asai, Beth Philpott. Second row, left to right are: Libby Briscoe, Patty Hartley, Peggy Corpion and Bill Pifer. Back row, left to right are: Jim Piper, Wah Chun, Jim Edwards, Bill Weeda, John Piper, Betty Myers, Preston Bradley, Alvin Busby and Bob Randall.

The fourth annual DSF Ecclesia Conference for all students of Christian churches across the land will convene on Sunday, August 29, at College Camp, on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Both the Corvallis and Eugene Christian Houses are planning on delegations, and it is hoped that a large enough group may be going from the Pacific Northwest to warrant chartering a special bus to leave Spokane at noon on Friday, August 27. Every church which has students in its constituency should make plans now to send one or more delegates to meet with others of our group from campuses throughout America. Bob Randall, 736 E. 16th Avenue, Eugene, is regional chairman for the Conference, and registrations should be sent to him at an early date in order to make adequate transportation arrangements.

Topics of the Ecclesia Conference include "Unity and Contemporary Issues," "What Students Expect from the Church," "Maturity and Freedom," "Future of Disciples," "A Disciple Student Movement," "What We Believe," and "Our Predicament." Workshops on techniques of reaching students with the Christian message will be held daily, along with a Bible series on the book of Galatians. The general theme for the entire week is "Christ Has Made Us Free." Leaders include Robert Tobias, Mae Yoho Ward, Dr. Jack Finegan, Howard Short, and representative delegates from the World Council of Churches Assembly in nearby Evanston. Every church which sends student representation will profit greatly in its program throughout the coming year. Board, room, registration, and travel pool cost is $37.50 if paid before August first. Add $2.75 after that date. Transportation costs from the Northwest are partially offset by travel pool refunds at the Conference.

The Eugene Christian House has a new host and hostess to follow the Preston Bradleys who have gone to Pacific School of Religion to do graduate work. The new ones are Larry and Marlys Lebow of Eugene. Larry's home church is Ashland, and Marlys comes from Opportunity, Washington. We give them a hearty welcome to Christian House.

June 28-30, the director of the Eugene House, Dulcina B. Elliott, attended the national Student Workers' Association Conference at William Woods College, Fulton, Missouri, of which she is national treasurer. July 1-3, both she and Dr. Ross Griffeth, president of Northwest Christian College, participated in a national consultation on Student Work Financing held also at William Woods College. Major topics to be taken up are (1) Nature and Basis of Student Work; (2) The Progress of Student Work; (3) Local Organization for Student Work Support; (4) State Organization for Student Work Support; (5) National Organization for Student Work; (6) Student Work Personnel; (7) Student Centers, Buildings, Equipment; (8) Financing Student Work—Source of Funds; (9) Expenditure of Funds for Student Work; and (10) Long Range Planning.

Beth Philpott of the Kern Park Church, Portland, and spring graduate of Northwest Christian College, active in Christian House, has been awarded a partial scholarship to participate in the national Work Camp Project of our churches in Jamaica this summer. Oregon churches are helping to send Beth as our representative, and funds may be given through our state office.

Several Eugene students from the University of Oregon and NCC were recently accepted as missionary volunteers by the United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis. These are Ralph Adams and Keith Fleshman, students at the U. of O. Medical School, and Danny Spencer and Naomi Wright, present students at NCC. Commissioned are Jane Meyer and Robert Gipe.

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Raymond Lambert

KERN PARK -CONDUCTS RAYMOND LAMBERT ORDINATION

Raymond Lambert was ordained to the Christian ministry by his home church, Kern Park Christian, Portland, Oregon, June 13, 1954. Mr. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambert of Portland, Oregon, received the Bachelor of Theology degree from Northwest Christian College in June of this year. He and Mrs. Lambert will make their home in Yakima, Washington, where Mr. Lambert will serve as a member of the staff of the First Christian Church of Yakima, Dr. Orval D. Peterson, Minister. After two years he will begin his post graduate work.

Those participating in the service were: C. A. Addleman, State Secretary, Oregon Christian Missionary Convention; Ray Smith, pastor of the Newport Christian Church; Professor George Shoemaker of Northwest Christian College; Loren Arnett, pastor of First Christian Church, Aberdeen, Washington; James Pfouts, pastor of First Christian Church, Waynestown, Indiana; and Dr. C. R. Beatty, Leonard Fishburn, C. L. Douglass, Ernest Boyer, Henry Moar, L. L. Arnett, Roy Beck, elders of Kern Park, and Kenneth Johnston, pastor.

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NOTICE

Due to the printing deadline for this issue of The Oregon Christian, we are not able to give you up-to-date coverage of the recent Turner Convention. A report — complete with pictorial coverage — will appear in the August issue.

TOUGALOO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FORMED

A merger of two home mission institutions in Mississippi was approved by the sponsoring church boards in the spring of 1954. The schools, both serving Negro youth, are Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss. and Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss., S.C.I. has been sponsored for many years by The United Christian Missionary Society, whole Tougaloo is administered by the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Christian Church.

The four-year senior liberal arts college will be called Tougaloo Southern Christian College and will be located on the well-equipped Tougaloo campus, three miles north of Jackson, Miss. It is expected that the merger will become effective with the 1954 fall term. A joint board of trustees composed of six Disciples of Christ and six Congregational Christian representatives will be named to direct the school on behalf of the sponsoring mission boards.

The United Christian Missionary Society will retain the S.C.I. plantation at Edwards, Miss., while possible use of the farm and school buildings for a community program is being considered. The high school and junior college program at S.C.I. was suspended in May, 1953 because students were seeking training in senior colleges or in public high schools which have improved in quality in recent years.

It is expected that by joining forces with Tougaloo College, the services previously rendered by S.C.I. can offer greater benefits to Negro young people. A strong department of religion is planned.

ALBANY EASTSIDE DEDICATION SET FOR AUGUST 1

The Eastside Christian Church of Albany will have the dedication service for its new building — an event which has been long awaited — on Sunday, August 1. For almost a year the congregation met in a small 4-H dining hall where the facilities were very limited. There, despite the inconvenience and confusion which often took place during the Sunday School hour, five different classes carried on in one small room with attendance and spirit always high. All winter long, during their stay in the 4-H building, work progressed steadily on the new church building.

A sign which stood in front of the building stating, "A sign of progress — Christian Church built here soon," always tended to attract the people who drove by on the busy Albany-Lebanon Highway. Now, as they drive by, they see a new sign, "Welcome to the Eastside Christian Church." On June 6, the Eastside members showed their "sign of progress" by moving in to the new building. They now look forward to their biggest "sign of progress," — the dedication of that building.

The folk at Eastside are proud of their new building (even though it isn't paid for yet) and want the whole state of Oregon to see it. Realizing that this might be impossible, they hope at least those who **can — will.** The service will be held at 3:00 p.m. the afternoon of August 1 with many ministers and other people of this area participating. Gilbert Knox is minister there.

THE OSBORNE FAMILY - RONALD, NAOMI AND DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA - will be leaving soon for Switzerland where Ronald will serve on the staff of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches. Ronald has been granted a one-year leave from Butler University as head of the Department of Church History in the School of Religion. Ronald was formerly on the faculty at Northwest Christian College; Naomi is a product of Oregon.

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COBURG: Farewell reception given for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Betzer, who left to accept the pastorate at Sumner, Washington, on July 1. Joe Wagnon has been called as pastor of the Coburg church. 2 added by baptism. **HILLSBORO:** DVBS had 222 registered. High attendance 171 with average about 160. Bible School is staying above that of last year by 15%. The fiscal year has been changed from October 1 to July 1. A constitution and rules of business has been adopted. Elders, deacons, deaconesses are elected on a 3 year basis starting this year. Had youth banquet honoring graduates of high school and junior high. 1 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Ivan Correll, minister.

CEDAR HILLS: Wednesday evenings have been set aside as church night which includes monthly business meeting, prayer and study groups and fellowship occasions. Expect to organize Women's Fellowship by fall. Funds coming in to the new building fund project. Hope to start on first unit by fall. Church represented at District Convention at Forest Grove. Expect to have good group at Turner for one or more sessions. Nelson E. Cole, minister. **SALEM - FIRST:** The budget for the new year, July 1 to June 30, has been underwritten, annual meeting held and new officers elected to serve the church. The annual DVBS was held from June 7 to 18 with more than 100 boys and girls in attendance. The new Associate Pastor, Clarence Fuqua, and family arrived on June 22 to begin their ministry with First Church. We are looking forward with enthusiasm to a great year ahead. Ordained one of our own young men, William Hill, to the ministry on July 11. Mr. Hill graduated from Willamette University in June. 5 added by baptism, 11 otherwise. Wayne Greene, minister.

PORTLAND - MALLORY: Completed 4 weeks of Family Nights at the church during Christian Family Month in May. Special family classes for all age levels, snack suppers and closing worship. Held Vacation Church School Workshop-Clinic using guest leaders Ruth Towne, Professor of Religious Education at T.C.U., Fort Worth, Kindergarten; Lois Swick, Prof. of Rel. Ed., Phillips, Enid, Oklahoma, primary; Oma Lou Myers, supervisor of Weekday Religious Education, Portland, Junior. 28 teachers from Mallory enrolled as well as some from First Christian Church. Rosebud Service on Sunday morning, June 13 honored 26 parents and babies. 9 young people at Camp Adams C.Y.F. Conference. Annual formal Recognition Banquet held Friday evening, June 18, honoring all graduates a big success. Church just purchased $16,000.-00 parsonage. Ward A. Rice has been supplying pulpit since April 18 and performing outstanding service. 2 added by baptism, 9 otherwise.

ROCKAWAY: DVBS very successful. Good group of teachers. Edna L. Burke helped with planning conference and installation of CWF, speaking at the evening service of the church. Mrs. John P. Frink, reporter. **MEDFORD - CENTRAL:** 2 added by statement on June 13. E. J. Gilstrap, minister. **LEBANON:** Launching Membership Development Program. Looking to Every Member Consecration in November. Selecting 70 people (The Covenant of the Seventy) or 35 teams to do the job of Shepherding. The Elders have already held two planning sessions and are now ready to pass their recommendations to the rest of the church. It includes THE YEAR OF STEWARDSHIP. 3 added by baptism, 2 otherwise.

FOREST GROVE: Easter to Pentecost emphasis on stewardship was observed through preaching, special letter to congregation and laymen presenting different phases of stewardship at the morning service. Pastor's class for new members at the Bible School hour for 7 Sundays was completed with an average attendance of 19. Eight young people participated in the consecration service at the morning service, June 20, for those going to conference at Camp Adams. Carl Cobb, Virgil Cedergreen and Pauline Boosinger accompanied the young people as part of the faculty and adult advisers. A pulpit supply committee has been selected with Gordon Merrill, chairman of the Board of Elders, as chairman of the committee. Newly elected chairman of CWF is Affie McCauley and of CMF is Clifford Rowe. 1 added by baptism. John Boosinger, minister. **PORTLAND - SELLWOOD:** Completing a successful DVBS, the first one held in several years.

PENDLETON: Very successful DVBS held June 1-11, with program on Sunday, June 13. Junior High and High School Groups have reorganized with attendance increasing in each. Donald Payne, minister. **MILL CITY:** Cooperated with other churches in a Union DVBS with average attendance of 69. We furnished 50% of the workers. Annual meeting held June 20 showed increased attendance in most services with 9 additions. Desire names of church members moving here or to Lyons. **HEPPNER:** Church services changed to 9:00 a.m. Attendance is better at both Bible School and Church than any time in recent years during the summer. Pastor's daughter married to Vernon Greenhalgh, assistant pastor at Whittier Calif., on June 11. Her father, Earl Soward, performed the ceremony and her brother, Marvin, sang the solo and gave her away.

THE DALLES: Ordained James Edward and John Edwin Piper to ministry, June 13, at wonderful service including elders and ministers from several churches. James is preaching at Mosier and John is helping the Wenatchee church this summer. 2 added by statement. W. C. Piper, minister.

VAUGHN: Lumber has been donated to finish the inside of new addition. Also lumber donated for new pews. Material donated to build a 300 foot fence behind church along the creek bank. Several members attended baccalaureate and commencement for NCC at the First Christian Church in

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AT CHURCH WITH THREE-YEAR-OLDS by Jessie B. Carlson is a manual for teachers of children three years of age. The book gives basic objectives of Christian education for this age along with practical suggestions for nursery activities. There are session plans for 52 Sundays. Each session is listed by title on a chart to show in which area of experience common to three-year-olds it is based: self, home, play, outdoors, or friends and helpers. The objective of Christian teaching is plainly shown for each session: God, Jesus, church, self, others, or the Bible. A chart of the child's characteristics together with his needs is featured. Stories and songs augment the value of the book. **$1.50.**

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Eugene. 4 added by statement. Nancy Kilbreath, reporter.

SPRINGFIELD - MT. VERNON: Pastor, Kenneth Smith, graduated from N.C.C. in June. He was the director of our DVBS June 21 - July 2. Some of us enjoyed the Lane County Convention at Junction City, June 13. Ann Chapman, missionary to Canada and sister of one of our deacons, spoke to us the morning of June 20 and was a guest at our monthly fellowship potluck dinner that afternoon. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter. **BEAVERTON:** Church property continues to be improved. Plans are made for a Comprehensive Evangelism campaign to be held in the fall with Mr. Ed Eldridge directing. 3 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Thomas Courtney, minister.

ST. HELENS: Monthly Bible School average 213 for May and 156 a year ago. Pastor, R. L. Putnam, attended Unity Conference in Salem, May 28. Melvin Huckins and family of Okinawa were guests May 30. Local church contributes by supporting their children. It was an enjoyable day closing with a reception for them and school graduates. Melvin graduated from local high school and was an active member of the local church. On June 13 we had the 4th sound movie produced by the Whistler's "Where Ministers Come From," taken at N.C.C. and First Church, Eugene.

SALEM - LIBERTY: Banquet was given by Senior C.E. in honor of 7 graduating seniors at Nohlgren's in Salem, June 5. Completed DVBS with total enrollment of 74. Sunday Bible School has been decreasing slightly with low attendance June 20 of 134. Still more than 40% over last year. 2 added by statement. Wayne Bryant, minister. **BEND:** Held DVBS June 7-18 with 140 enrolled. Sunday School running slightly higher than last year. Had Father-Son Banquet June 23. Evening services during past 8 weeks averaged 100. New Sunday School Class begun — adults — averaging 18 per Sunday. 2 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. H. Cecil Bever, — minister.

WALTON: Calling campaign is being carried on now in preparation for the evangelistic meetings which will be held July 26 — August 6. Lawrence M. Bixler will be speaker. Results of campaign thus far have been very favorable. 4 added by baptism. **VALE:** Summer attendance good. Had 2 weeks of DVBS with 104 registered. Minister, Eldon L. Melton, and family attended North American Convention June 23-27. 2 added by baptism. **BURNS:** 105 enrolled in DVBS. Pastor, Len B. Fishback, served as General Superintendent, assisted by 4 superintendents and 15 helpers. Marvin Soward, tenor soloist and Gerre Hancock, organist gave a concert in the church June 29. Bible School is entering the East West Contest. 6 added by baptism, 3 otherwise.

GRANTS PASS: Conducted DVBS with total enrollment of 172. Finance campaign for funds for new pews meeting with fine success despite strike. Several young people minister, R. M. Beard, and wife, attended conference June 27 - July 3 at Fir Point. 2 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. **PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST:** Stewardship program resulted in 63 tithers signing covenant cards on Decision Day. It is too early to estimate other results because the program closed June 20. We do know that it is one of the finest things we have ever done for the spiritual life of the church. 1 added by statement. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

MILWAUKIE: The DVBS averaged close to 85 in attendance and the S.S. bus, driven by Mrs. Paul Hager, was in service. A staff of 18 teachers and helpers were supervised by Mrs. Elmo Leach. Gene Bates, a sophomore from N.C.C., is serving through the summer as assistant minister and youth director. He preached both sermons June 27 while minister, Alger Fitch, was at the convention at Long Beach.

MADRAS: Church-wide planning conference held June 1 to plan work for remainder of year. 3 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. R. W. Gardner, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Total of 409 registrations at 2 week DVBS in city. 50 people went to Cove one Saturday to build a cabin which was financed by Dorcas class. About $400.00 cleared at CWF Rummage Sale so far. Miss McFarland, leadership training director at local migrant camp, spoke at 90 & 9 meeting. City Manager brought evening message on Father's Day, on topic "Our Freedom and Responsibility." Pastor, Truman Robbins, and wife and 4 graduates from the local High School, attended NCC Commencement. Appreciation week held June 27-July 3 when each person wrote at least 5 letters of appreciation to those who aren't usually recognized for their work in the church. Jubilee Bell Ringers gave concert on June 2. 2 added by baptism, 3 otherwise.

MONMOUTH: Completed DVBS on June 18. Jean Cunningham and Gloria Jewell spoke the evening of June 20, "Missions Night." Planning Bible School contest to build summer attendance. 1 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Lynnton Elwell, minister. **HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN:** Church and Sunday School attendance has been at a new high for June. 4 added by baptism. Lawrence Porter, minister. **ALBANY:** Closed successful DVBS June 18 with 179 pupils enrolled and average daily attendance of 163. George Bever, former associate minister, preached Sunday evening, June 20. Lester Jones, minister.

MYRTLE CREEK: DVBS was a great success with 150 attending. All local teachers did an excellent job. 18 young people attended the State C.E. Convention in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Now making preparations for the youth camps. Thus far there have been 10 added by baptism and 25 otherwise. Minister, Dorsey E. Dent, and family attending Convention in Long Beach. **PORTLAND - ENGLEWOOD:** The annex of the church, which houses the pre-school department of the Church School has been entirely re-decorated and the church parlors on the lower floor have been painted peach-pink and green, all under the direction of property chairman, Mr. Earl Johnson. Jim Johnson, who is co-president of the State CYF has been re-elected president of the Englewood CYF; Shelly Stadheim, v.p.; Marilyn Murray, sect.; and Harriet Buffam, treasurer. A beautiful Children's Day program was held June 13 at first worship service, with an excellent offering for United Promotion. Twelve Englewood young people attended West Oregon conference at Camp Adams and came home thrilled with the best conference ever. 3 added by baptism. Clay J. Pomeroy, minister.

GLADSTONE: Held DVBS for 9 days with 111 daily average — 999 total attendance for the 9 days. Bessie Adams, superintendant. Sunday, June 20, opened annex for overflow crowd. Church moving forward. Have set goal of $7,500.00 for "Stewardship Day," Sept. 19, 1954. Dave Kullowatz, pastor. **SALEM — GARDEN ROAD:** Very fine DVBS with 69 enrolled. Average attendance in spite of sickness and berry picking was 51. Had 7 teachers and 5 helpers. Their missionary offering was $15.17. 5 added by statement. L. H. Camp, minister.

PORTLAND - FIRST: Scholarship Aid Banquet on June 2 — "the best year." Art Blair, local chairman and his committee did excellent job in attracting more than 250 people at $5.00 per plate. Speaker was Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer of Hollywood-Beverly church, president of International Convention. Life work recruits of the church were recognized and special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Morgan S. Odell of Lewis and Clark college and Dr. and Mrs. Ross J. Griffeth of Northwest Christian College. The church ordained David P. McMullin to the ministry on June 27. He completed his B. D. degree from College of the Bible in June. Up to this time he has been serving churches in Kentucky as "licensed minister." First Church, Portland and its Board of Elders does not ordain until a young person has completed three years of seminary training. Participating were John W. Boosinger, Clay J. Pomeroy, Arthur J. Stanley, Morgan S. Odell and Howard C. Fowler (ordained 2 years ago), now minister Bella Vista Church, Monterey Park, California. Myron C. Cole, minister.

COQUILLE: C.W.F. held a tea honoring grandmothers and shut-ins; New C.W.F. officers installed at an impressive service conducted by Mr. Art Winslow Sunday, June 20; 22 youth attending Southern Oregon Chi Rho Camp and Conference, Minister Walter Naff Conference director and youth sponsorer, Ralph Wolgamott, teaching; the C.Y.F. recently held a banquet at the parsonage in honor of seniors in the group — 32 were present, also their sponsorers. DVBS held for 2 weeks in June with

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MEET OUR GUESTS

Mrs. Alda B. Ritz entered the Home in February, 1944 and has thus been a guest for more than 10 years. She contributed toward the building of the Ritzhaven Cottage as a memorial to her husband, Henry Frederick Ritz, and she lived there for 8 years. She is living in the Centennial duplex cottage at the present time and while she is past 83 years of age, she keeps quite busy with her needle on behalf of other guests. During his ministry Brother Ritz served the churches in Billings, Conrad, Hamilton, Havre, Butte, and Fort Benton, Montana and the churches at Kelso and Mt. Vernon in Washington.

Turner Memorial Home

TURNER, OREGON

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an enrollment of over 160 — 13 teachers serving directed by Mr. Art Winslow, former student at N.C.C. Church School attendance holding up during summer; new building progressing nicely with roof and siding beginning latter part of June. 2 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. **HOOD RIVER:** Annual meeting held; also dedication of new Hammond organ with note burning, completing payment within 13 months after its purchase. A building improvement program estimated at $3000.00 approved to begin soon. 4 added by baptism, 2 otherwise — a total of 13 for a year. Donald A. Ross, pastor.

WILLAMINA: Young people sponsored "Missionary Rendezvous" for evening service June 27. James Osborne, McMinnville, milled pulpit morning of June 27. Minister, Elmo Black, and family have mumps. Street paving delayed by rain. 2 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. **JUNCTION CITY:** Successful DVBS arranged by Mrs. Wm. Cosby. Minister, I.M. Nelson, attending Convention in Long Beach. 2 added by baptism, 1 otherwise.

POWELL BUTTE: Dedication of new $65,000.00 edifice held June 20. B. Ross Evans dedicatory speaker. C. H. Addleman gave the dedicatory prayer. 450 visitors and members present for afternoon service. Five confessions at morning service on June 20. 9 added by baptism, 1 otherwise since last report. D. L. Penhollow, pastor. **DALLAS:** Had a very fine meeting led by Newell Morgan which began Easter Sunday. There were eleven responses — 4 by baptism, 5 otherwise. O. F. Mick, minister.

ROSEBURG - WESTSIDE: DVBS closed June 25 after 2 weeks with high attendance of 146. Sharing service was held on June 27. 17 youth plan to attend some church youth camp this summer. 2 added by statement. Harry Chapin, minister.

TILLAMOOK: Two week DVBS with average daily attendance of 160. Children took project of collecting old clocks for the Boy's Trade School in Boise, Idaho and the display of 150 ancient time pieces at the closing session of the DVBS was one to excite much comment. Attendance is holding up well considering the restlessness brought about by strike conditions. 3 added by baptism. Aldis Webb, minister.

McMINNVILLE: Bible Schools of all 8 Christian churches in Yamhill County gathered at Dayton City Park on Sunday, July 4, for picnic dinner and patriotic program to follow. Message by James Matthew Alley of Amity. Wedding-Bells reunion service here at McMinnville on Sunday evening, June 27, for all couples married by the pastor. Annual "Rose of Sharon" service conducted on Sunday, June 13, following the Rose Festival Week. Elery Parrish, minister. **ASTORIA:** Two from here attended Girls' Camp at Wi-Ne-Ma June 27 - July 3 where ministers, Mr. and Mrs. Kribs, will teach. June 20 evening service in charge of young people with Robert Bray, Sandra Grocott and Bill Taft doing the preaching. Don Walman led the singing and Carol Walleson played the piano. 4 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. 4 added by baptism, 3 otherwise.

WALLOWA: May 10-12 church entertained the Eastern Oregon convention. Truman Robbins, pres. carried the program through in a very fine way. As guest speaker, Lester Jones, Albany, pleased all. Robert John and Mrs. John, as leader and pianist directed the singing in a fine way. Attendance was in the high bracket. Truman Robbins was elected president and Paul Moore vice president. 1 added by baptism. O. W. Jones, minister.

YAMHILL: Fred Hatchell closed ministry June 13 to enter Butler School of Religion this fall. One added by baptism June 13. New Wurlitzer organ on trial but have raised half the purchase price the first week — purchase certain. Robert S. Kuykendall has accepted call to church.

NORTH BEND: First week's attendance of DVBS breaks all records of last year. A Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquet both held in June. Formal wedding held in second week of occupancy of new church. Other weddings and baptism awaiting completion of baptistry and reception hall. Mr. Blakley's sermon for Father's Day was "Henpecked Husbands and Foolish Wives." A section was reserved for husbands who wished to so designate themselves and was well filled! 2 added by confession, 3 by statement. Mrs. Charles Dennis, publicity chairman, Clyde Blakley, pastor.

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: DVBS held June 14-25 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. with Thelma Siefke as director. Average was 71 in attendance and a staff of 14 teachers assisted. Special emphasis was on Ruth Peterson, now in Belgium and soon to go to the Congo as a missionary. A second missionary is preparing to go out from our church in the person of Jane Meyer who has been accepted as a candidate and is taking special training at this time. Our minister, Joe Wagnon, has graduated from NCC and has taken a full time pastorate at Coburg. George Bever, who has just completed 22 months at Fortuna, Calif. has been called as our new pastor. He will complete some work at NCC. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise.

CORVALLIS: Best DVBS in history of church held June 14-25 with 118 enrolled. Excellent staff with good preparation under the direction of Mrs. Ray Hewitt. H. Lawrence Porter of Valley Christian Church, Hood River, is coming as associate minister, in addition to his work as minister to students at O.S.C. 2 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Donald L. Helseth, minister.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: On June 13 Raymond Lambert, member of Kern Park and recent graduate of NCC, was ordained to the Christian ministry. Professor George Shoemaker delivered the ordination sermon. Kern Park held its annual Youth Retreat at Wi-Ne-Ma June 14-19, with 28 young people attending and 7 adults serving on the faculty. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES through the summer months will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Bible School as usual at 9:45. Robert Osburn, student at NCC, began his services with Kern Park June 20, as Associate Youth Worker. 5 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

Sign in a Brooklyn (N.Y.) cafe: "Our Tongue Sandwiches Speak for Themselves."

HARRISBURG: Leroy Hershiser has been called by the Harrisburg Christian Church as assistant pastor to replace Phil McKinley who is leaving to complete his preparation for the ministry. Mr. Hershiser is a sophomore at NCC and comes very highly recommended. Church held its annual picnic June 20 in Hayworth Grove. Wm. Siefke, minister, Vernon H. Woods, secretary.

HERMON BURKE, YOUNGER SON OF KENDALL E. BURKE, late president of Northwest Christian College and Mrs. Burke, state secretary of Christian Women's Fellowship, graduated cum laude with the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, May 28. He won first place award of $50.00 in the Martin Dwelle Kneeland preaching contest. Hermon did his undergraduate work at NCC and at the University of Oregon, graduating from NCC in 1946. While in college in Eugene, he preached at Irving and at Fall Creek and served as an announcer for two years on the staff at station KORE in Eugene. At present he and his wife and family of three little girls are living in Turlock, California where he is the pastor. Mrs. Edna Burke, Hermon's mother, attended the graduating exercises and visited the following week in Turlock.

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CHAPLAIN (Captain) Frank Gosser

. . . . . former Oregonian, presently with 187th Airborne RCT writes from Kumamoto Kyushu, Japan, inquiring about the absence of his monthly copy of The Oregon Christian. Frank says that he's back with the Airborne again after spending some time in Korea. He spent 75 days with his unit north of the 38th parallel and was then reassigned to the vacancy in Japan. He is pictured above "loaded down" prior to a recent personnel and heavy equipment parachute drop. (Note: The picture made the editor a little nostalgic — very little, however, — due to having spent a portion of World War II in the Paratroops.)

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